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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA

REF: STATE 003466

1. THE PRESIDENT AND STATE HOUSE STAFF WERE TAKEN UP WITH THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT AND HIS MAJOR ADDRESS

TODAY (NO NEW GROUND ON RHODESIA). AS A CONSEQUENCE I WAS ONLY ABLE TO DELIVER THE LETTER LATE IN THE AFTERNOON.

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2. CHONA AND KASANDA RECEIVED IT AND PROMPTLY PRONOUNCED THEIR VIEW THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE IT. CHONA CALLED IT AN EXTREMELY HELPFUL STATEMENT ON THE EVE OF THE FRONTLINE SUMMIT MEETING. ITS SPECIFIC REQUEST, HE THOUGHT, WAS CLOSE TO THE VIEWS OF BOTH THE FRONTLINE AND THE NATIONALISTS. THEY WERE ALL ANXIOUS THAT THE WAR CEASE THE

MOMENT AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED.

- 3. CHONA COMMENTED THAT HE ASSUMED A SIMILAR LETTER WAS ALSO BEING SENT TT NYERERE AND MACHEL. I YAID I BELIEVED THIS WAS THE CASE WITH NYERERE BUT WAS NOT CERTAIN ABOUT MACHEL. CHONA SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE SAME MESSAGE BOTH WITH REGARD TO RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA BE SENT DIRECTLY TO MACHEL. THE MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT WAS IN A VERY POSITIVE FRAME OF MIND AND WOULD WELCOME IT. CHONA NTTED PARTICULARLY THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH THE PORTUGUESE WHICH LED THE WAY TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR AN END TO THE FIGHTING WITHIN A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MONTHS AFTER SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT. HE FELT, THEREFORE, THAT THIS CONCEPT WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED BY MACHEL. MACHEL IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT 10 A.M. SATURDAY IN LUSAKA (3 A.M. WASHINGTON TIME). CHONA FELT THAT IF IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GET THE LETTER TO HIM IN MAPUTO, HE SAW NO PROBLEM IN DELIVERING IT HERE IN LUSAKA.
- 4. CHONA ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE LETTER BE SENT TO THE BOTSWANA DELEGATION AND HE OFFERED TO DELIVER IT HERE IN LUSAKA, THOUGH I PERSONALLY WOULD PREFER DOING SO THROUGH THE BOTSWANA HIGH COMMISSIONER. THE BOTSWANA DELEGATION CONSISTS OF VICE PRESIDENT MASIRI AND FOREIGN MINISTER MOGWE.
- 5. CHONA AND KASANDA HAD BEEN MEETING MUCH OF THE AFTERNOON WITH NUJOMA IN AN EFFORT, THEY SAID, TO GET AS CLEAR AN IDEA AS POSSIBLE OF HIS IDEAS BOTH FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING SATURDAY AND TO PASS ON TO THE SECRETARY. CHONA AGAIN ASKED THAT WE MEET ON MONDAY BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR LAGOS. HE WAS NOT CERTAIN, SECRET

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HOWEVER, WHETHER HE WOULD PASS ON NUJOMA'S VIEWS ON THAT OCCASION OR WHETHER THE PRESIDENT WOULD ASK HIM TO GIVE THEM DIRECTLY TO THE SECRETARY WHEN HE SAW HIM IN WASHINGTON.

6. DEPT PLEASE PASS NAIROBI FOR EDMONDSON. LOW

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